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Ginger Kulas's ornate Easter eggs can take up to a day to paint

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Firefighters from Dorset and Stanhope fire stations fought a blaze in an old log house on Boshkung Lake Road Monday, April 2. A bonfire that got away is being blamed for the destruction. See page 2 for more.

Fire consumes Boshkung home

Jenn Watt
 Editor

An old log home on Boshkung Lake Road and Walker Line was eaten up by fire Monday night after a bonfire got out of control.

Algonquin Highlands firefighters from both the Stanhope and Dorset stations responded around 7 p.m. and fought the blaze until past midnight.

"A bonfire ignited a shed, which ignited a house," fire chief John Hogg said.

The insulation inside the home supported the

fire once it got through the outer walls, the chief explained.

"It's an old building. ... Once it got past the log exterior ... it just spread through the attic very quickly."

He estimated 25 firefighters were on scene, along with a tanker truck from Dorset.

Spending five hours on a house fire is common, Hogg said.

"When it's fully involved ... it's not unusual [to stay for many hours]. We needed to get down into the basement. Part of the area had collapsed. When it falls in on itself ... it takes longer," he said.

Hogg wasn't sure who owned the home, which is sometimes referred to as "Miss Maus's Cottage."

Miss Maus was a teacher who worked at the one-room schoolhouse across the road from the home that burned Monday.

Nothing of the building could be saved, Hogg said, since the fire swept its entirety.

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Getting more say on policing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills will be renewing its enhanced police visibility program but is hoping to speak with the Haliburton Highlands OPP about the specifics of the extra patrols.

The program was discussed during a March 29 council meeting.

Under the program, municipalities receive five additional, four-hour, two-officer shifts for \$2,500, the idea being to deter crime as well as foster a relationship between the force and the community.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, whose portfolio includes protective services, said in 2011 part of the additional staffing was used during Minden's inaugural bluegrass festival, which she deemed worthwhile.

"I am also recommending that you grant us the ability to assign the remainder of the paid duties based on our knowledge of trends within your geographical area, balanced with day to day operations," acting detachment commander Staff Sgt. Mike Reynolds wrote in a letter to the township.

Councillors took some issue with this, saying since the township is paying for the extra shifts, it should decide how they are used.

"If we're footing the bill, we should be the ones deciding

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If we're footing the bill, we should be the ones deciding the whens and the wheres.

— Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch

the whens and wheres," Murdoch said.

Councillor Brigitte Gall agreed, noting the impetus for undertaking the program in the first place had been to reduce some of the vandalism happening in downtown Minden, particularly during the summer months.

The township had requested late-night foot patrols of the downtown, but councillors said these failed to materialize last summer.

Reeve Barb Reid thought such patrols, particularly during the busy season and particularly around the time local watering holes close, would be an appropriate use of the funding.

Murdoch was planning to talk to police and bring back details to council.



Home destroyed

A firefighter looks in on a blaze that consumed a Boskung Lake Road home Monday, April 3. Submitted

Two outages planned for Haliburton County

Hydro One is planning two power outages to do work across the county.

Sunday, April 15: expect power to be out from 7 to 11 a.m. (If it rains, that outage will be cancelled and another planned for April 22.)

Sunday, May 6: power will be out between 8 a.m. and

noon. (If it rains, that outage will be cancelled and another planned for May 13.)

The second power outage will include many Hydro One trucks throughout the town of Haliburton doing work behind the high school and ballpark.

African movie night April 27

Last week, the *Minden Times* told you about a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Grannies, but did not include a date.

A *Small Act* (a documentary) will be screened at the Minden United Church **Friday, April 27**. The Outloud Womyn's Voices, Heritage Ballet dancers and Abbey North Drummers will all perform. There will be a silent auction and Africa inspired refreshments.

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Celebrate the start of a new enterprise

MadeInHaliburton.ca announces the official launch of their online gallery business with an exhibition of the work of the artists who are partnering with them. The public is invited to join owners Don and Marie Gage on Saturday, April 7 at 11 a.m. for the official ribbon cutting at the Art Hive to celebrate the start of this new enterprise.

This innovative business brings together interested artists who have an affiliation with the Haliburton Highlands, Ontario Canada to market and sell their products online. The website or its launch already has 35 well-known Haliburton Highlands artists and art organizations and over 300 products. The number is growing weekly.

For the buying public, this new enterprise offers a constant supply of Canadian made products that will be shipped directly to their home. These artists' creations can be enjoyed year-round or shared with family and friends on a special occasion.

Marie is passionate as she explains why the couple have created an online gallery for the Haliburton Highlands: "It's simply reality - this is a very talented artistic community and we need to find a way to share their work with the world."

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Orchestrating a traditional Easter

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Ginger Kulas makes 300 pyrohy by hand. She goes through 25 pounds of onions. Her preparation for Easter begins weeks in advance. Born and raised in Haliburton County, Ginger, 54, is of Scottish descent.

Her house, however, is adorned with Ukrainian tradition, from the hand-painted Easter eggs to the tray of homemade pyrohy, also known as perogies.

Ginger was 19 years old when she met Bill Kulas, an only-child born of Ukrainian immigrants.

She worked at the IGA in Haliburton. He was a salesman assigned to this region.

He would come in, chat, and ask her to help him find the Windex.

This happened time and time again.

Eventually Ginger asked him out on a date. The first time Bill invited Ginger over for dinner, she found eight bottles of Windex lined up in his cupboard.

"He never had the nerve to ask me out and the only thing that would pop into his head was Windex," she said.

The pair were married just over a year later.

Bill's parents took to Ginger immediately and the more she got to know them the sooner she realized how important the Ukrainian culture was to them.

"They were very worried that by marrying me the Ukrainian culture would die," said Ginger.

So she promised them even before they got married that she would continue the family's heritage.

"I had never even had perogies before I met Bill."

During the next five years, Ginger began the process of learning how to cook traditional recipes and was soon serving them on Easter, a significant holiday in Ukrainian culture.

"To them it's a birth every spring," she said.

What started as a few friends coming over for the meal has turned into a gathering that now sees about 50 people.

Dishes served at the dinner include slowly baked cabbage rolls, sauerkraut with onions, jellied pigs' feet, beet and horseradish relish and Ukrainian cheesecake.

"At Easter time I go through 25 pounds of onions alone," she said.

And, of course, don't forget the pyrohy. Boiled, not

fried (a common Polish cooking method).

"I just make potato and cheese because I do make about 300 of them," she said.

It takes Ginger a whole week to prepare for the day, completing tasks in stages.

The pyrohy can be made days ahead of time and popped into freezer bags until the day of the big event.

Listening to Ginger describe the amount of preparation it takes to execute Easter dinner is exhausting, not to mention she works as a hairdresser for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

To say Bill was lucky to have found Ginger is an understatement.

"He does realize it," she said.

A favourite Ukrainian tradition is when the gentlemen come through the door on Easter Sunday they must immediately drink a shot of cognac.

"If they don't drink it's disrespectful ... the drink blesses the food and the entire day."

A bowl of vibrant and shiny eggs covered in rich colours sits on the dining room table.

Intricate lines and details weave along the shell.

"The lines that go all around it mean eternal life. The red means the blood of Christ. Green means spring renewal. Every-

thing on here has meaning," said Ginger as she gently rolls an egg around with her fingers.

The eggs are raw when they are dyed. A candle and beeswax are used to help create the pattern.

It takes Ginger anywhere from four hours to an entire day to complete one egg.

Over the years Ginger has shared her skills with the community, teaching the art of Easter egg painting in local elementary schools, church groups and community centres, donating her time and raising funds for local initiatives.

In her family Ginger has been orchestrating the Easter traditions for the past 25 years, taking over from her mother-in-law after the years and poor health finally took their toll.

Soon enough she received the utmost compliment.

"My mother-in-law eventually told me my food was better than hers," said Ginger, a smile spread across her face.

The Kulas have three children and one grandchild, all of whom have to make time in their schedules to visit on Easter weekend.

"I always tell them with holidays, like Christmas and



Angelica Blenich Staff

Coloured Easter eggs adorn the Kulas home in the days leading up to the religious holiday. Painting one egg can take Ginger anywhere from 4 hours up to an entire day.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Ginger Kulas, 54, holds a tray of traditional Ukrainian pyrohy, more commonly known as perogies. Kulas typically makes 300 pyrohy for Easter Sunday, when she invites about 50 people over to enjoy a Ukrainian feast. She begins making the dish a week in advance, popping them in the freezer and boiling them on the Sunday.

Thanksgiving, we can alternate [visits]. But with Easter there's no negotiating," she said.

The Kulas daughter, daughter-in-law and soon to be daughter-in-law have all begun learning how to make the traditional recipes, trying their hand at kneading the pyrohy.

While they admit they still have a long way to go to master the skills, the interest and willingness is there.

"One day they'll take over from me," Ginger said.



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Budget talks heat up as county looks at cutting back

Angelica Blenich
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The mood was dismal as county councillors passed a revised budget for 2012.

After six months of tweaking, Haliburton County treasurer Laura Janke presented a new draft at a special budget meeting on April 3.

The budget was prepared despite the county still not receiving word from the province on land ambulance grants.

The announcement is typically made between December and February, according to EMS director Pat Kennedy.

Despite having no indication of what the provincial numbers will be, Kennedy prepared a working budget for the county based on last year's figures.

He is recommending the county add an ambulance to the department's existing fleet and increase staff by an additional four full-time members.

"This is my single, largest request," Kennedy said.

Director of EMS for the past six years, Kennedy said all of his requests since he started have been endorsed.

The request was based on a number of factors, including proposed housing developments resulting in an increase in population, a rise in out-of-county transfers and longer wait times.

"This is not something I woke up in October and decided ... I have been looking at these indicators for years," said Kennedy.

The department seems to be running out of ambulances on a more regular basis, with Kennedy and his staff trying to manage it on a daily basis.

Since 2005, EMS has reduced its number of non-urgent transfers significantly, from more than 1,000 down to about 200.

Kennedy suggested the county start to consider alternative transportation, to help EMS reduce its

costs.

"It's not an easy solution, I don't envy being in your seats," he said.

Average response times for the department have gone up by approximately two minutes, which is a big concern for Kennedy.

County Warden and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested one of the ways to lower wait times was to provide more housing options in town.

"We have to get the population out of the boondocks to cut back on the amount of time it takes to get to them," said Fearrey.

If the EMS department receives the same amount in land grants as it did last year the county would need an additional \$40,000, which is not in the 2012 budget.

Minden Hills Bard Reid asked what the implication would be if the department didn't add additional staff.

"There would be longer wait times," said Kennedy, adding it would depend on where the ambulance was coming from.

The discussion on how to proceed with EMS would have to take place once the provincial grant announcement came through, said Fearrey.

Changes in the revised budget from the previous draft included a decrease in the roads budget of \$124,600, affecting capital projects.

Other reductions were made in almost every department, including buildings, admin and library.

The total amount the county needed to levy was reduced from \$12,343,300 to \$12,128,000, a difference of \$215,300.

To raise the levy the tax rate will be raised by 2.99 per cent.

"We're still spending money faster than it's coming in," said Fearrey.

With a direct cut in provincial funding of more than \$300,000, the county was trying its best to cut back, said Janke.

"This is the budget we're recommending ... it's a plan," she said.

Councillors weren't convinced it was enough.

"In over two years we've added \$800,000 in costs," said Reid.

The councillor suggested the county examine whether staff members needed to be replaced once they decided to leave.

"We need to help staff with some tough decision making," Reid said.

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Signage costs soar

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

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Costs for signage for Minden Hills's ATV and snowmobile trails have come in significantly higher than expected.

Councillors received the news at a March 28 council meeting.

"The cost of the trail signage placed at locations along the snowmobile trail network has risen past the purchasing policy threshold requiring multiple quotes," community services director Rick Cox wrote in a report to council. "Despite this, the work was awarded, performed and invoices submitted for approval."

The township's policy is that projects costing more than \$10,000 must be tendered and Cox said if things had gone according to plan, this would have been the case.

The large signs – there are five – show a graphic of a snowmobiler and a map of trails in the township.

This is to be replaced by a similar graphic for ATVs during their season. The signs also include advertisements for local businesses.

Early this year, council allotted \$25,000 left from the 2010 surplus towards the snowmobile/ATV revitalization project and has also been approved for \$10,000 through the Haliburton County Development Corporation, although that money can only be used to cover expenses incurred after April 1 of this year.

"The cost to date for the trail project is not beyond the \$35,000 available, but less than \$10,000 remains to re-sign the trails for use by ATVs," Cox wrote.

Problems with the creation and erection of the signs led to the unforeseen costs.

"The suppliers involved in producing and installing the trail signage are all vendors who have a good track record with the township," Cox's report continues. "It came as a surprise to me that the milling was substandard and that the signs had quality issues. The cost to assemble and install the signs was an unpleasant surprise to everyone."

One of the signs was also put up on county property and has to be moved.

A detailed supplementary report by Cox on exactly what went wrong with the project is available by searching the March 28 Minden Hills agenda on the

Problems with these signs along Minden Hills's trails have made them much more expensive than anticipated.

county website.

Any additional expenditures before April 1 will have to come out of the 2012 community services budget, unless it is offset by ad revenues.

Businesses advertising on the signs has not yet been billed.

The signs are part of Minden Hills's \$200,000 snowmobile/ATV revitalization project. The local snowmobile and ATV associations are to contribute \$25,000 each.

The township applied for \$100,000 from OMAFRA's Rural Economic Development program, but the application was denied.

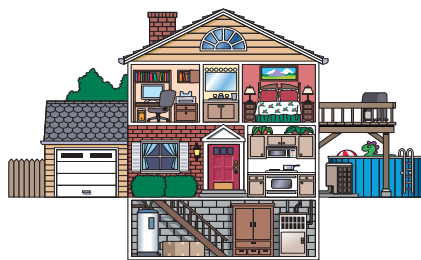


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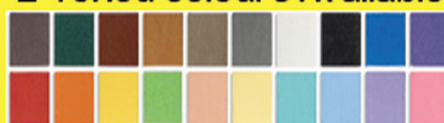
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Oh doctor

THERE WAS SOME interesting conversation at a Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting last week surrounding the pay of professionals within Ontario's health-care system.

The Ontario budget released last week seeks to freeze the salaries of public-sector employees, doctors included.

Some members of the board took issue with this plan, contending that the province has to be able to offer worthwhile incentives to doctors if it is to attract them.

Fair enough.

However, at some point it needs to be recognized that we, not just in Ontario, but also throughout the planet, are entering a truly unprecedented and ominous economic era.

A hugely complicated web of international factors has our globalized world sitting on what seems to be a constant precarious precipice of economic meltdown.

Serious changes need to be made in the way Western society operates, something, as a young person facing this daunting reality, I don't believe wealthy middle-aged people brought up on 1950s economic sensibilities are capable of comprehending.

There is an entrenched culture of entitlement when it comes to Ontario's public employees.

They, from bureaucrats to teachers to cops, seem to expect a three per cent

pay increase year over year regardless of any outside factors just because that's the way it's always worked.

Meanwhile, many Ontarians who work for private companies are facing pay freezes, decreases and layoffs.

And it's their taxes that go towards the payment of their public counterparts.

Don't get me wrong. Doctors are highly skilled and badly needed.

Anyone with a brain and access to education can be a bureaucrat, teacher or police officer.

And in Ontario, these individuals are overpaid.

I realize these comments might raise the ire of some and that's fine.

However, to be a doctor requires an incredibly immense cerebral capacity, a decade of schooling and a deep humanity.

It takes a truly exceptional human being to be a good physician.

However, at the end of the proverbial day, they too should be willing to make some concessions for the overall benefit of the province and the ones who are practising medicine for the right reasons shouldn't mind.

The average yearly income of a family physician is in the range of \$240,000.

The province's deficit this year is \$15.2 billion and its total debt more than \$250 billion.

It's time for doctors, along with other public employees, to make a small sacrifice for the health of the province.



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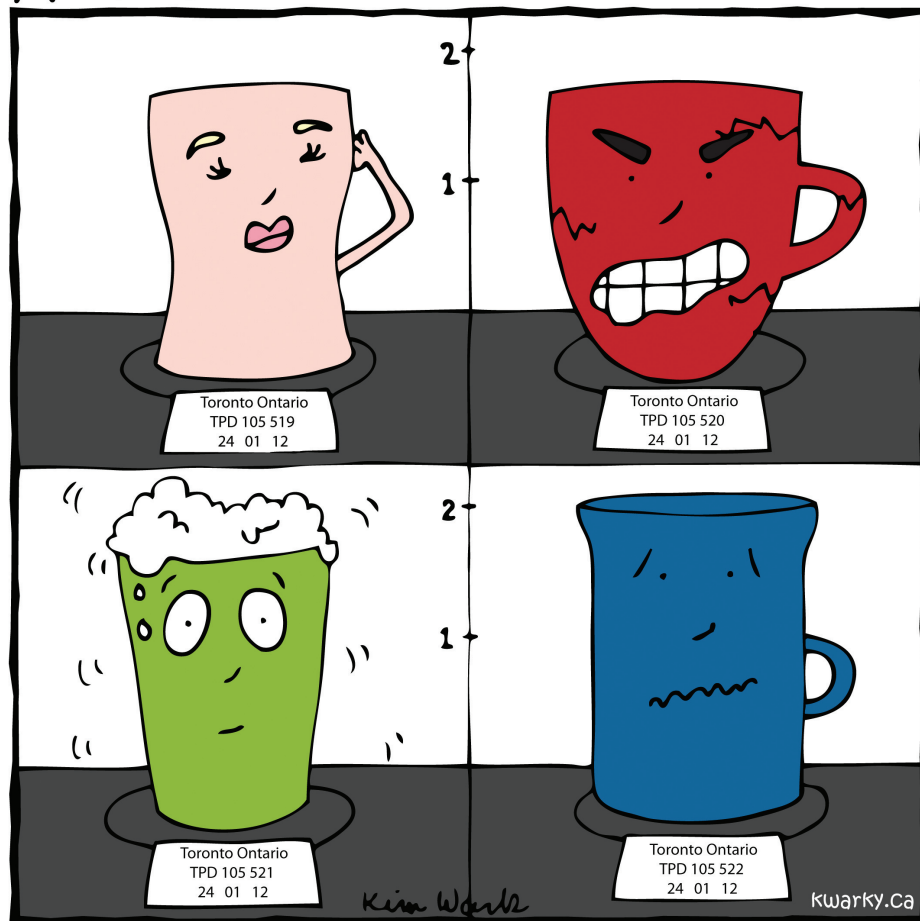
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letters to the editor

Pitching pennies

To the Editor,

When I heard the news that the federal government is scrapping the penny, memories of a time when the penny did indeed have some value came flooding back. Memories such as stopping in at a corner store near my elementary school with a single penny given to me by my mom as a special treat and buying a couple of candies.

Or a little later in life, I delivered the *Toronto Star* as a paper boy for three cents a copy, or 18 cents a week. (There was no *Sunday Star* in those days but there was a *Star Weekly* for 10 cents). When I collected every Saturday morning my very best customers gave me 25 cents, a seven cent tip!

Scrapping of the penny is just one indicator of inflation. We are all well aware of rising prices and as this is a time of many threatened and existing strikes, inflation could worsen. And this may worsen even more with the new provincial and federal budgets.

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Such a pity

To the Editor,

Pity our council demonstrates no loyalty to Minden Hills or those who live here. Pity we have a council who chooses as head-hunter, someone who can think because, apparently, nobody on council can. Someone from Guelph or some-such place, to hire someone to as chief clerk for Minden Hills from some other some-such place outside our jurisdiction. Pity our council spends so many of our hard-earned tax dollars so frivolously on folks who don't even live in Minden Hills. Pity we have a council too wrapped up in its self-importance, too wrapped up into believing their own advice, that nobody in Minden Hills is smart enough, worthy enough, to seek advice from.

Pity we have a council who has no common sense, no leadership ability, no "feel" for the dynamics of the people or of democracy. Pity we have a council - led by a reeve

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points of view

One giant step

RECENTLY, AN ENTERPRISING outdoors guide in the American midwest was fined about \$500 for leading a group of tourists on a Bigfoot hunt.

Let's break this down, shall we?

Here's a guy who has now led several of these hunts. Each takes about 26 people on a hiking and camping excursion through the heart of what they're told is Bigfoot country. They gladly pay a little more than \$500 a head for the opportunity too. No Bigfeet are harmed. Yet the guide gets fined \$465. It's hardly fair.

If it were up to me, I'd hire him as our new Minister of Finance.

Talk about brilliant.

But let's not feel sorry for his clients. Call me cynical, but I suspect even they have motives.

The story I read never made it clear why they are hunting Bigfoot in the first

place. It certainly can't be for the meat because anything with feet that big can't smell very good.

The only other answer is fortune and glory.

Remember, the country that finally discovers Bigfoot – and right now Canada, the U.S., Russia, China and Nepal are in the running – will, with the right coaching and steroid masking, almost certainly win gold at the World Barefoot Waterskiing Championships. And think of the World Cup of soccer advantage we'd have with old Bigfoot in net.

It doesn't take a genius to understand that having Bigfoot as your star player would be good for any sport. And managing him could make you rich and

famous.

That's why I'm certain that those guided hunts are probably filled with sports scouts, publicists and agents.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Bigfoot, under the right management team, is a gold mine. The endorsements alone – everything from foot powder and disposable razors to running shoes – would be worth millions. And in the off season he could stomp grapes for a local winery.

Put that way, \$500 seems like a paltry price to pay for a chance at discovering the next big thing in sports and celebrity.

But why stop at this?

Maybe the food industry could use his foot as a standardized unit of measure for subs and hotdogs, so we'll have

true foot longs. Perhaps child educators could use his toes to demonstrate the This Little Piggy game to children with poor eyesight.

When you think about it, this is very sad. We're looking to exploit this poor creature for our own monetary gain. We don't even stop to consider that he might be sensitive about his feet, especially if they aren't indicators of other things – like sock size.

I suggest we ought to stop and think that Bigfoot might be shy for a reason. Maybe his name is Marvin, for instance. Or perhaps he doesn't like the idea of being referred to by his most obvious physical feature.

I can't think of anything worse, in fact. I know I hate it when people call me Handsomeface.

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A good whiff is all you need

FOR YEARS NOW, I have been playing the victim, pretending to be oppressed and distressed by my human's demand that I take over writing this column once a year to help him get through the maple syrup season.

Neil comes begging for my help, complains he is too busy to write anything worth reading. I want to tell him that never stopped him before, but I hold my long smooth collie tongue.

Dogs have more practice at begging than humans do, but Neil wears me down with that forlorn look he uses so well and then the editor yells at me on the telephone, just as though I were on her human staff.

"Sit," she snarls. "Now, type." And so, trembling, I type.

I growl a little under my breath about how I am being imposed on just when I ought to be basting squirrels for my species' annual celebration of human failings, April Fool's Day.

It happens every spring. Until this year. A heat wave comes along that puts long johns in laundry baskets all over Haliburton County and the maple syrup season is over almost before it begins.

That leaves Neil with so much time on his hands that he doesn't even think of asking me to fill in for him. He just goes ahead and writes last week's column himself without even a by-your-leave.

All these years I pretended that I was doing Neil a big favour and now he finds out he has been doing me one all along.

Neil doesn't even realize he has stolen my thunder until I grovel before him, confess that I like my annual writing assignment and then my friends get behind me.

A dog named Luther even writes a letter to the editor, accusing her of species bias. That puts him in touch with a potcake dog and an Australian shepherd who wander down my road from time to time and the three of them launch a class-action law suit.

When a Jack Russell shows up at my human's door with a briefcase bulging with briefs, Neil caves in and so here I am, a week late but not a participle short, ready to amuse you.

Not that my words will be half as amusing as Tim Nicholson made them seem that night he read them right out loud, but I digress.

I did a lot of digressing while Neil was neglecting my muse. With nothing to fill my days but the squirrel-basting, I got into a deep funk thinking about how I had fallen into the human word trap.

Humans are the only species so lacking in all of the senses that they have to use words to bring

order to their world. You humans might say that I am a smooth collie named Jiggs, or more formally, The Brown Dog Jiggs.

You might say that, but we dogs never would. We have no need for names and labels and so the dog I meet on the road, the potcake dog, is just his own self.

He has his own unique fragrance, an odour he shares with no other creature, and I know him as soon as I get a good whiff. I do not identify him by name or breed or species but by



The Brown Dog Jiggs
Back of Beyond

that first whiff. It is all I need.

Relying on all of the senses that are so inferior in Neil, I see my world in layers of detail that he can't even imagine. When I take Neil on his morning walk, if he doesn't get too far off his leash, I let him stop to speak.

"Listen to the geese," he says, as though they don't exist until he says so, as though I didn't hear them when they were still over Lutterworth. Or, seeing some feathers in the leaf duff, "Something died here."

As though nothing dies until he says so. As though he is telling me something that doesn't come to me in a single sniff in detail more elaborate than he could ever imagine.

As though anything at all needs to be said. If Luther were to come along, he'd have a good sniff and then give me a look and that's all the conversation we would need.

Humans drown their thoughts in senseless babble. Senseless, I tell you!

Cartoon by Charlie Teljeur.

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letters

More inflation without pennies

from page 6

So what has caused inflation? Collectively negotiated contracts between unions, private enterprise and government. Every finalized contract has resulted in workers receiving higher wages for the same job or less work for the same or greater pay. Then the employers have to increase prices because their costs have risen and the ripple effect causes price increases in many other products. Inflation seems to be inevitable.

My first full time job paid \$3,500 to start and my lifetime ambition was to make \$10,000 a year. Seems ludicrous now! If that had happened, as I hoped, I would now be starving. That was about 50 years ago and that started me thinking about what starting salaries and prices might be 50 years from now, 2162.

There is a simple mathematical formula that will figure out the answers for us.

$A = P(1+r)^n$ where:

A is Amount including inflation,

P is the Present price or salary.

R is the inflation rate expressed as a deci-

mal and

N is the number of years under consideration.

For example, consider a starting salary today of \$30,000, a rate of inflation of three per cent (a common contract settlement) and the time period of 50 years.

So: $A = 30,000(1.03)^{50}$ which my calculator says is: \$131,518.

Minimum wage, now at \$10/hour will be \$43.84/hour

A bottle of wine currently costing \$12 will be \$52.61

A loaf of bread currently costing \$2 will be \$8.78

If you have a scientific calculator with a yx key you can have lots of fun figuring out what you, your children or your grandchildren will be paying in n years from now where n is your choice. Work out a few and dazzle your next get-together for a coffee or a beer or whatever. Your friends will be amazed at your mathematical prowess!

Glen Bonham
Minden

We need council to inspire

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– who are reactionary rather than proactive. Pity we have a council who would prefer to run off in all directions than to make thoughtfully good judgments.

Pity we have a council who apparently doesn't care about "ripple effects" of such decrees, doesn't think about the delays in construction this can cause, doesn't care about destroying the economy or the hardships on those trying to eke out a living here.

What we need is a new council with good leadership. A leader who can inspire folks to follow, a trailblazer who doesn't have to be "in the lead" all the time, a chief who can lead from any position in a group.

An organizer with a heart and soul for the community, wearing both on his sleeve, one who has an instinctive "feel" for the people and democracy.

A leader who is mentor and inspiration for people to do the right thing, often without being told to do the right thing.

With this kind of council in place, we find

good government, very little bickering, a great number of two-way meaningful talks, quite a few compromises and a good deal of common sense.

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Nomination period open for Enviro-Hero Awards

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is now accepting nominations for the fifth annual Enviro-Hero Awards. These awards serve to recognize and celebrate environmental excellence within our community and are presented at the annual Wild about Nature gala (Saturday, June 16 at the Haliburton Legion).

Winners receive a specially designed award by renowned artist Mary Anne Barkhouse, Nimpkish band, Kwakiutl First Nation and member of the land trust's board of directors.

An Enviro-Hero is an individual, business or organization who has made a contribution to the protection and sus-

tainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County.

Every year, a distinguished panel of judges selects the winners in each of six categories. The land trust thanks its 2012 judging panel: Barb Bolin, founding principal of the Haliburton campus of Fleming College; Carol Moffatt, reeve of Algonquin Highlands and Dianne Mathes, vice-chairwoman, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for their generous donation of time.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

Health: a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in health lifestyles;

Stewardship: a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources;

Education: a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth or adults;

Business: a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment;

The Arts: an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment; and

Youth: a student/s up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living or the arts.

Nominations close Friday, May 4.

Nomination forms (and more information) can be obtained by calling HHLT at 705-457-3700 or email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

OPP wrap up 2012 snowmobiling season

Thousands of kilometres of Haliburton County patrolled

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Central Region OPP Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement Unit (SAVE), and the Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol (STOP), have wrapped

up the 2011/2012 snowmobiling season in Haliburton County.

In combination, these units patrolled more than 5,000 kilometres in Haliburton County, and checked in excess of 4,000 motorized snow vehicles.

These checks included such things as proper licensing of both the operator and the machine, insurance documentation, and valid trail permits. These patrols were also on the look out for motorized snow vehicle operators that had been consuming alcohol.

As a result of these patrols, two tickets were issued for no insurance, five tickets were issued for improper or no trail permit, 11 tickets for improper mufflers and six tickets for disobeying signs. There were 21 other charges laid for offences such as speeding.

OPP officers arrested five people for impaired driving while on their snowmobiles and conducted 17 trail side breath tests.

There was one fatal snowmobile collision and seven other collisions where

injuries were sustained. Four people damaged their snowmobiles in other collisions.

Public safety is a top priority of the OPP. With the current mild weather, OPP ATV and marine patrols will be underway in the near future. The OPP are committed to patrolling Ontario's roadways, waterways, and trail systems, and are on constant lookout for impaired drivers.

If you spot an impaired driver, please contact the OPP immediately, by dialling 911 or 1-888-310-1122.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGARDING YOUR INTERIM TAX BILL

The Township has received an unusually large number of returned interim tax notices due to incorrect mailing addresses. Tax notices were mailed on February 24, 2012, with installment due dates of March 23 and May 18, 2012. If you have not received your notice in time to meet the first installment deadline, please contact the Township Office at 705-286-1260.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified Haulers of Household Hazardous Waste Products from the Scotch Line Landfill. Tenders will be in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tenders for Household Hazardous Waste Haulers" no later than 12 noon, April 6, 2012.

Township of Minden Hills
Attention: Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager
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Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified providers and installers of Coin Operated Water Dispensers. Tenders will be in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tender for Procurement and Installation of a Coin Operated Water Dispenser" no later than 12 noon, April 5th, 2012.

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2012 SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Township of Minden Hills is hiring summer students for our Community Services Department. Candidates must be planning to return to school in September and should have experience in grounds maintenance work and/or leading recreation programs. Candidates must be available to start the first week of May, 2012 and have a G2 or G level Driver's License. Wage is \$10.25 per hour. The normal work schedule will include Saturday and Sunday shifts. A driver's abstract and a criminal reference check must be supplied during the interview process. Successful candidates must supply and wear Green patch footwear.

Please state in your application when you would be able to start work. Letters of application with a résumé should be dropped off at the Township office, sent by email to rcox@mindenhills.ca or mailed to:

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PO Box 359, 7 Milne St. Minden ON KOM 2K0
Application deadline: 12:00 pm, April 10, 2012

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 29th Council Meeting (10:00 am public session)
March 29th Public Meetings (10:30 approx. to consider various by-laws per Notice)
March 31st 8:30pm Earth Hour
April 12th Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting (10:00am public session)
April 26th Council Meeting (10:00am public session)
Administration Office closing April 6th and reopen on April 10th – Easter Weekend



MINDEN HILLS
Cultural Centre

Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The Land Narrative Exhibition

Artist Elaine Carr's work is influenced by land and place. This is evident in her current work that views land and water from an internal and external perspective. The landscape is viewed from different simultaneously existing perspectives, incorporating topographical scape and aerial landscape with pen and ink, Japanese paper, plaster and wood.

The Land Narrative runs through to April 28, 2012. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

Summer Student Employment

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting applications for summer student positions. More information can be found by following the Employment Opportunities link on our web site. Resumes can be dropped off at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery or emailed to Laurie Carmount at gallery@mindenhills.ca

**For more information please go to
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or call 705-286-2808**

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS

There has been a recent change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage compensation Program (previously the Livestock damage Program) in regards to a claim's eligibility for compensation.

As of April 1st, 2012, owners must provide a Premises Id Number and a valid Farm business Registration Number when making a compensation claim for any livestock or poultry. Please have these numbers available to the Clerk at the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office when making your claim.

If you wish to obtain these numbers, please visit www.ontrace.ca.

You will need to have both these numbers for a successful application

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

From April 1st to October 31st in any year is "Fire Season". During Fire Season, **no person shall start a fire outdoors** for the purpose of burning piled wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood products **unless:**

- the fire is started two (2) hours before sunset, or later, and is extinguished two (2) hours after sunrise, and
- a responsible person is available to tend the fire until it is extinguished, and
- the material burned is in a single pile that is less than two (2) metres in diameter and less than two (2) metres high, and
- the fire is at least two (2) metres from any flammable materials, and
- the person tending the fire has adequate tools and or water available to contain the fire.

Any persons setting an outdoor fire shall be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons, and be liable for all costs incurred by the Fire Department.

If you require further information on these regulations, Fire Chief, Doug Schell, may be contacted at the Fire Hall at 286-1202 for clarification.

A total ban against outdoor burning may be declared when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances warrant it. Such a ban will be posted at the Tourist Information Centre, located on Highway 35 in Minden, and at area businesses. It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of fire bans.

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Please be advised that the public restrooms located adjacent to the Minden Hills Fire Department will be under construction starting the first week of April. Portable toilets will be available for use during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience caused as a result of the construction. If you require further information, please call the Environmental & Property Operations Manager **705-286-1260 Ext 216.**

Karate- Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 pm,
Call 705-286-1936 Ext. 200 for more information

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Chad Ingram Staff

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is asking Minden Hills township for a break on its share of conversion costs for the floating snowmobile bridge/dock on the Gull River.

Complications arise with bridge conversion

➤ Sticking with original agreement was defeated and deferred until April

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Some complications have surfaced regarding Minden Hills's floating snowmobile bridge.

"The snowmobile bridge/dock in Minden was established as a joint project between the HCSA (Haliburton County Snowmobile Association) and the township," community services director Rick Cox wrote in a report to council. "The agreement included clauses to the effect that the township would be responsible for converting the bridge to a dock and for the maintenance while it was a dock and the HCSA would be responsible for converting the dock to a bridge and for the maintenance over the winter season."

According to Cox, in the fall, the association requested the township have the bridge put in place and send it the bill.

The cost of the process was \$2,450, however, last month the association requested

that since its trail permit revenue was down 40 per cent for the season, that it only pay \$500.

"I don't think that has anything to do with anything," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, contending that the association should be sticking to the original agreement, signed in 2009.

Township roads and community services staff worked on the fall conversion, with their time and machine time amounting to about \$1,900 of the total cost.

Chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison said this cost was not accounted for in the township's budget.

Reeve Barb Reid, who said the conversions have been done differently each year and that a consistent, effective method needs to be found, said she'd like to wait until next month when the township's roads superintendent was present to have the conversation about how to proceed.

The township must move the bridge back to its dock position in April.

A motion that the township require the HCSA to stick by the 2009 agreement was defeated and conversation on the matter was deferred until April.

The \$64,000 bridge was built with two thirds federal and provincial money, with the HCSA splitting the final third with the township.

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Uncertain funding future for health services corp

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 29 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors' meeting.

For the second year in a row, HHHS will see a small surplus as its 2011/12 fiscal year comes to a close. Its current funding has been extended to June, when it must submit a budget based on a zero per cent funding increase.

HHHS is one of 55 small hospitals in Ontario that will be exempt from health care cuts and funding changes contained in the recently released provincial budget.

"We'll get our funding as we always have," CEO Paul Rosebush told directors, but pointed out this also meant the organization would be receiving no additional monies, regardless of what may unfold during the year.

While HHHS will be fine with a zero per cent increase through the upcoming fiscal year, "after that, we won't be able to balance without affecting services," Rosebush said.

If things continued with no funding increase, the organization would have used up its working capital by March 2015.

Dealing with drug shortage

HHHS is dealing the best it can with an ongoing national drug shortage stemming from problems at major pharmaceutical producer Sandoz Canada Inc.

In particular, injectable, generic drugs are in short supply and Rosebush said oral alternatives are being used whenever possible.

There is also a mechanism in place allowing hospitals within the Central East Local Health Integration Network to share resources.

"Everybody's working as a system," Rosebush said.

Up on the roof

Revenue being generated from solar panels HHHS installed on the roofs of its Minden and Haliburton facilities is exceeding expectations. The panels in Minden earn the organization \$200 on a good week. This figure is slightly less in Haliburton since the building there is in a less sunny location.

While Rosebush said annual revenues for the facilities had been projected to be in the \$7,000 range, it looks like that figure will be closer to \$10,000.

Web training saves cash

Using e-learning services to train staff is expected to save HHHS money since trainers won't need to be brought in.

The organization will be using a wide-ranging service from online training company Surge Learning.

HHHS recently hired a new telemedicine co-ordinator, Shelley vanLieshout, and new director of long-term care, Shannon Feir.

Foundation introduces new bear

HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker introduced directors to Sebastian, the foundation's 2012 teddy bear. The foundation has been selling stuffed bears for 14 years, bringing in some \$78,000 for local hospitals.

The bears will be available in locations throughout the county. Started last June, the foundation's Seeing is Believing campaign, raising money for new X-ray machines for both the Minden and Haliburton facilities, has raised \$235,000 of its \$300,000 target goal.

It's possible the machines might come in under budget.



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County councillors hear concerns on Clear Lake restrictions

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County council chambers were full for a discussion about the future of the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve on March 28.

Some 30 members of the public, including members of the Friends of the Clear Lake Heritage Trails Association, were in attendance to hear a presentation from Craig Dodds of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The MNR is planning to strengthen environmental restrictions on the reserve located in Algonquin Highlands, including banning winter trail grooming and preventing hydro lines from being constructed.

Part of the plan is to take shoreline road allowances from the auspices of the township to those of the province.

"Part of managing biodiversity is to have a certain percentage protected forever," Dodds said, explaining the updating of the plan for the reserve was a mandate of the province.

Dodds said the continued use of snowmobiling on lakes would be permitted and under current regulations, snowmobiles aren't supposed to be on trails anyway.

Removing boat caches used by property owners was also part of the ministry's plan, although Dodds said there might be some flexibility there.

"We're trying to address that," he said.



Part of managing biodiversity is to have a certain percentage protected forever.

— Craig Dodds

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey noted that invasive species are a major concern for the MNR and suggested that boats cached in the area posed no threat of bringing such species into the reserve.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said her township's concern was for its affected ratepayers and that the municipality would continue conversations with the ministry to clarify issues.

"They seem to be losing some of what they thought were their rights," she said.

It was Danielsen's understanding that shoreline road allowances located in front of cottages would remain under control of the township.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said she couldn't understand how using established ski trails could be that ecologically threatening and that surely it must be better than skiers going "willy-nilly" all over the place.

"An established trail might not be established in the right place," Dodds responded.

While the majority of landowners within the reserve seem to have issues with the ministry's plans, Dodds said there are some who want to see increased protection.

Jim Redner of the Friends and Robert Lee of the Clear Lake Cottagers' Association were not part of that group and spoke vehemently against increasing restrictions.

"It virtually eliminates those trails," Redner said, explaining the trails had been there since they were created by loggers in the 1940s and 1950s.

Lee, who said he'd polled the property owners of Clear Lake and was speaking on behalf of the majority, said the trail to his family's cottage, which he travels by ATV, acts as his access road.

"We're at the fifth generation and we want it to be the 25th generation," Lee said.

The Friends are scheduled to meet with the MNR this Friday and Fearrey said council would like to hear the outcome of that meeting.

Fearrey has suggested the county should be pushing the MNR to take residents concerns into account as it moves forward.

The province has extended the public input period on the changes until April 25.

The 1,300-hectare reserve is bordered by Kennisis, Red Pine, Big Hawk and Little Hawk lakes. It first became protected in 1997.

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ATVs to hit the Rail Trail earlier

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

ATVs will be allowed on the Haliburton County Rail Trail beginning May 14 this year, county councillors decided at a March 28 meeting.

The Haliburton ATV Association had requested the start date for ATVs on the trail be moved from June 1 to May 1 to be consistent with the City of Kawartha Lakes, which allows the vehicles on its section of the trail at the beginning of May.

The province opens its Crown trails up to ATVs on the same date.

At a previous meeting, Dysart et al Reeve

and county Warden Murray Fearrey had suggested a mid-month compromise of May 14 would be a suitable solution.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen and Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis all spoke in favour of this option last week.

"I think this council is prepared to make a decision. I just want to make sure we're making the right decision with the right information," Danielsen said.

"I do not support May 1," Davis said, adding that in the past ATVs had headed out onto the Rail Trail before they were supposed to.

However, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid,

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge were in favour of having a trial year with a May 1 start date.

"Why are we sitting here choosing to be the odd man out?" Reid asked, pointing to the City of Kawartha Lakes and Crown start dates and saying the county was missing out on a tourism opportunity by not syncing its start date. With Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt absent, the deciding vote came down to Fearrey.

"Economic development is key, but also people's rights need to be preserved," he said.

One of the many recommendations coming out of a public input process surround-

ing the Rail Trail completed by community planner Kate Hall was to leave the ATV start date at June 1.

Earlier in the meeting, Eric Christensen of the Haliburton ATV Association, which will be providing \$5,000 worth of surface treatment for the trail, reiterated the request for a May 1 start date, speaking to economic benefits and saying the county was sending a confusing message to ATVers by not having a start date consistent with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

He said because the Haliburton County Rail Trail has a later start date, riders assume all trails in the county do as well.

"It's better to have one step than no steps," Fearrey said.

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Ask if the charity is registered. Contact Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the charitable tax number of the charity. Question any discrepancies. At the beginning of each year, decide which charities to support - send your cheques directly to their head office, and feel

good about giving. If approached more directly, you can then say that you have already given, and perhaps you will consider their appeal next year when you decide on the charities to support. Responsible charities can do their part to ensure their representatives carry appropriate identification and have information would-be donors may need for each aspect of their operation, such as about how donations are used.

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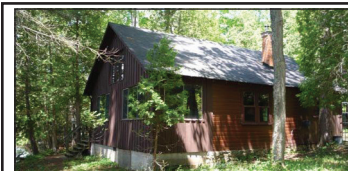
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Getting the jump on spring

Karen Sloan

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After what seems to have been a long winter here in the Haliburton Highlands (even if in reality it wasn't) every year we're all amazed to witness how quickly nature brings about dramatic and welcome changes. When winter finally beats its retreat, we gardeners especially seem to revel in the return of spring and the general change of atmosphere

from gloom to bloom.

This is the moment we've all been anticipating! We've ordered our seeds, planned our plots and are more than ready to be outside getting dirt under our fingernails.

Working in the garden, propagating plants, and being able to witness the change of the landscape that seemingly happens overnight, we observe the monochromatic dullness of winter morph into a colourful show of flowering bulbs, bursting buds and a greening up of the lawn.

Having said all of that, it is good to keep in mind that the weather can be rather fickle this time of year. Usually there is the odd killing frost in the forecast, so although it's tempting to get out early in the season, especially when the temperature is unseasonably warm, the reality is that it might actually be wise to leave some of it for a couple weeks longer. This is a good way of making sure that any of those really tender plants have some added protection if indeed a frost does occur.

Once it warms up by mid-April, cutting back ornamental grasses and cleaning up perennials left in the garden last fall is a must. If you didn't cut back your perennials before the snow fell, don't wait any longer! Buds are swelling and growth has started, so all of that old debris will only slow them down.

Evaluating both those weeds and the

composter early in the season is key to less labour-intensive weeding throughout the rest of the growing season. Many of those pesky weeds begin sending up shoots before anything else, so now is the best time to start pulling them out before they get out of hand, especially if the soil is moist from any recent precipitation. Once the weeds are pulled, it's best to add a top dressing of compost to those perennial and raised beds. Adding rich, organic compost, which is full of nutrients, means we're feeding the soil which in turn feeds the plants. Adding natural nutrients in the garden means we can avoid purchasing expensive, harmful chemical fertilizers that we're all beginning to realize is not actually good for the planet, and in reality is just a big waste of money.

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Watch your seedlings grow with a few simple steps

from page 16

So, if you do have a composter, grab that garden fork and give the contents a good turn. Remember not to add any weeds to the composter that were just pulled or they'll end up growing twofold back in the garden again! And, contrary to popular opinion, it is possible to compost here in Haliburton without garnering visits from bears. Grass cuttings, leaves, eggshells, coffee grinds, pet/human hair, vegetable peels, deadheaded flowers and more waste can all be composted. This can all be composted without fear of visits from these creatures. By creating layers of items, akin to lasagna, and adding a few inches of soil on top, what's beneath is suppressed and this prevents bears from knowing what has been buried. Happily, I've been composting successfully for many years and although bears do cut through our yard, as we're situated near the local landfill, we've never, ever had an issue. Remember, never add meat, salad with oils/dressings or bones into the composter.

If you're still itching to play in the dirt after the monotonous work is done, then why not consider starting seeds indoors? Due to our shorter growing season, this really helps get the jump on spring! When starting seeds indoors, keep in mind that the germination time varies and it can be six to 12 weeks before any of those seedlings can be transplanted directly into the garden. In many cases, mid March to early April is the perfect time to start many seed varieties inside.

The best advice is to read the instructions on the back of each seed packet. Verify when seedlings can be set outside by counting the weeks backwards from the date on the packet and you'll know when it's the optimum time to sow. Far too many people make the mistake of starting seeds way too early and this is a complete waste of seeds, water, time and money. Once those dates are established then it's time to have some fun! Fill the containers to about three quarters full with a pre-moistened growing medium. I like to use easy-to-make newspaper pots which can be planted directly in the garden and which will break down naturally. When seedlings do not have to be transplanted, which can sometimes disturb roots of new plants, it makes it much easier when the time comes.

To sow seeds thinly and uniformly, gently tap the packet of seeds then cover them lightly with the growing media and gently tamp them in. Keep them moist but not sodden! A general rule of thumb is to plant seeds at a depth of about two to four times the minimum diameter of the seeds. This is also the way to plant spring flowering bulbs in fall. Mist-ing the soil can also help to prevent too much water in the soil and a dampening of those seeds, spelling disaster for any gardener.

As the seedlings grow, they'll require more space, more water, and better air circulation. Any plants not seeded in newspaper pots or containers that will break down naturally must be transplanted. Another common mistake is to leave the seedlings in the flat too long, and then the seedlings get too leggy and don't perform as well as they could. The ideal time to transplant young seedlings is when the first true leaves appear, usually two to four weeks after seeding. Keep in mind however, that some cold hardy varieties such as peas can be planted directly outdoors in early April. Potatoes, lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, radishes and kale can be transplanted directly to a cold-frame or hoop-house, if you

happen to be lucky enough to have one!

These are some of the many important tasks we can tend to before working the soil. It's just so nice to have these jobs done before the crocuses finish blooming and not to have to think about it later when they're actually really required! Check those supplies in the potting shed. It's nice to know that there are enough bags of soil, raffia or twine to tie those top heavy flowers, tomato stakes, labels, and of course clean, durable tools for getting the job done. This can all be completed in the fall, but it's not always possible, so now is a great time to get all of these tasks done.

Have fun getting the jump on spring and happy garden-ing!

About Karen:

Karen Sloan is an avid gardener who has spent most of her professional career working in various aspects of the floral and horticultural industry.

After earning her horticultural certificate from the University of Guelph, she worked as horticultural assistant at the Toronto Botanical Garden, as well as Cruickshank's the Garden Guild. For many years she was a floral designer at a popular florist in north Toronto. Karen has also had several clients of her own for whom she designed and maintained small urban gardens and containers.

Karen is currently involved with garden marketing, research,



Karen Sloan Special to the Times

The best advice when starting seeds is to get the timing right. Read the package before you plant.

public speaking, photography, and is writing her first garden-ing book. She continues to save and sell rare heirloom seed varieties, write an online garden blog, has a hand in social media marketing, and is the owner of Wall Flower Studio, a fine art and organic gardening venue located in the Algonquin Highlands.

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Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

AECOM Canada Ltd. will be creating a village development master plan for Minden.

Minden Hills councillors awarded the contract to the consulting company at their March 29 meeting.

The plan will deal with the revitalization of the village including everything from traffic flow to drainage issues to streetscaping to the possibility of a new bridge crossing the Gull River at Orde Street.

Of five companies that submitted bids, AECOM's was the lowest at just less than \$78,000.

The highest was nearly \$115,000.

Council budgeted \$105,000 for consultants this year, which included funding for the plan.

Eight of the 12 requirements of the contract are engineering-related and AECOM specializes in engineering

projects.

The other four components are planning-oriented and Reeve Barb Reid wanted to know if the company had the ability to provide these deliverables.

Chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison said AECOM has planners with 15 years of experience on board, including ones who'd worked on Huntsville's waterfront project and the revitalization of Bancroft.

"They have the expertise to fulfill this tender," he said.

Pool committee to give 'good news'

Come and hear the good news about the Pool and Recreation Centre Study April 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The County Swimming Pool Initiative has just received some good news and are excited to share it with the local community.

The media and the public are invited to join the committee to celebrate at the Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St., Minden. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is scheduled to make a presentation to the committee from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and Patti Tallman, community economic development operations manager from Haliburton County Development Corporation, will hand a big cheque to the committee.

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Reads of the week



Book of the Week:

Red Means Run by Brad Smith

When Mickey Dupree, a successful criminal attorney is found murdered in a sand trap at his exclusive country club, the police focus their attention on Virgil Cain. Mickey defended the man accused of killing Virgil's wife - and he was overheard saying that "somebody ought to blow Mickey's head off" - and so our innocent protagonist Virgil is thrown into jail. Now he must escape and convince everyone of his innocence - by finding the killer before he winds up being the next victim. If you enjoy Lee Child's Jack Reacher series then *Red Means Run* by Canadian author Brad Smith is a must-read.

Junior Book of the Week: Junior Fiction Title

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Ben Ripley doesn't want to grow up to work anywhere but the CIA. Unfortunately for Ben, he is a very awkward fellow - much too awkward to be a secret agent! When he is recruited for a Science-concentrated school, it makes perfect sense until he finds out it is really a front for training junior CIA agents. He soon realizes that his superiors might not have signed him up with the expectation that he would graduate at the top of his class. Can Ben prove them wrong by overcoming his innate nerdiness, upping his

cool factor, and getting the girl? Probably not, but it sure will be fun to see him try!

Local Celebrity Read:



Tamara Wilbee, chief administrative officer at the Municipality of Dysart, recently read *Social Networking For The Older and Wiser* by Sean McManus, in preparation for launching Dysart's Facebook and Twitter profiles.

"I picked this book to use as a primer when I was developing the township's social networking presence," says Wilbee.

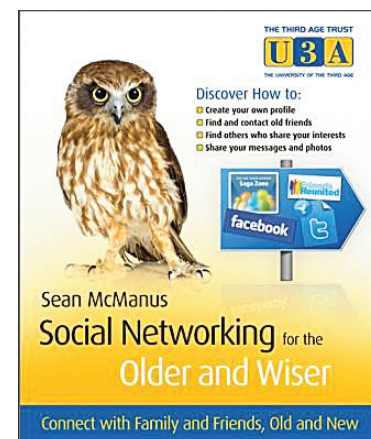
"I didn't know where to start and this book was a good reference tool. It was concise and not too overwhelming. It allowed me to see whether I was on the right track. I like books that teach me to do something for a specific purpose,

and this book was very useful in that sense."

Wilbee found this title particularly useful for understanding social networking because of the audience it is aimed at.

"The book is geared towards the 'older and wiser,'" says Wilbee.

"And Haliburton's largest demographic is the 'old and wise.'"



News & Events:

Get ready for the Easter bunny with kids programming at the Haliburton County Public Library. Join us for crafts, stories and other fun activities on Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Minden branch and 1:30 p.m. in Dysart branch.

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Sign up to Hike for Hospice

The Hike for Hospice will once again take place on Saturday, April 28 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and what an exciting day it will be.

Participants, as individuals or working as a team, will be helping to raise money for Hospice palliative care in our community. The money collected will make a difference for those living with a life-limiting illness and those affected by it.

There will be two routes to choose from – a one kilometre

tre hike around the track of the school and a five kilometre hike on the Head Lake Trail. We will also offer a memorial walk and poker run.

Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. and the hike commences at 11 a.m.

"As our population ages, there is a growing need for hospice palliative care. Supporting the 10th anniversary of the Hike for Hospice Palliative Care will help local hospice and palliative care services in your community. Get involved. Sign up to hike or sponsor a hiker and you too can help prepare for tomorrow today," says Peter Mansbridge, the honorary chair of the National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

After completing the hike, enjoy the music by The Shout Sisters, a group of local ladies who gather together to make music through voice. A treat for all.

Rhubarb, a local restaurant, will be preparing a delicious picnic for all of the participants.

Awards will be given to the individuals and teams who have raised the most pledges.

Let's work together so that we can make a difference.

You can donate online or download pledge forms from the events part of SIRCH website at www.sirch.on.ca.

Remember: 100 per cent of all money raised will be used for the community hospice program in Haliburton County.

Submitted by Hike for Hospice




Angelica Blenich Staff

Walkers begin their journey around the track at Haliburton high school for the start of the annual Hike for Hospice event that took place last year.

The fundraiser raises money for hospice services in the county provided by SIRCH Community Services. This year the event will be held Saturday, April 28.

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Minden's Christmas carnival is no April Fool's joke

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Winter may be over, but the elves and snowmen were at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 1 for the Minden skating club's annual carnival, A Springtime Christmas.

Even the snow showed up for the event.

The 41st annual carnival saw children and adults perform festive-themed numbers including *Hawaiian Christmas*, *All I Want for Christmas is You* and *Boogie Woogie Santa* to a full house of spectators.

Costumes for the carnival were designed and made by Jane Symons and the numbers were choreographed by Symons and Jillian Mayhew.



Senior star and junior star skaters came together for a performance of *A Nightmare Before Christmas* on April 1 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for the Minden Skating Club carnival A Springtime Christmas. The show included a number of festive acts with skaters dressed as elves, snowman and shepherds.



The senior start skaters performed a riveting rendition of *Santa Baby*. The show included a number of festive acts with skaters dressed as elves, snowmen and shepherds.



Above, candy canes Emily Fitzell, left, and Emery Bagshaw stir up some mischief before hitting the ice.

Right, junior star skaters look for help from one another as they perform *Suzie Snowflake*



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Congratulations to all winners



Monday evening ladies playoff B winners. From left, Laura Pottier, skip, Sydney David, lead, Alexander Casper, vice, and Emily Shaperia, second.



Friday evening mixed league winners. From left, Steve Upshall, second, Gail Upshall, lead, Barb Millington, vice, and Dave Millington, skip.



Friday evening mixed playoff A winners. From left, Royce Miller, skip, Susan Sloan, second, Bob Hall, vice, Wes Lytle, lead.

Above are some of the winners from the 2011/12 Second Schedule League and Playoff. More will be published in next week's Times. Submitted by Bert Kennedy

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Peewee AE go out with a bang

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team played their best game of the year to end the season in the Ontario finals against the Ayr Flames on Friday, March 30 in Haliburton. The arena was packed with community support. The Storm team was pumped and they delivered an awesome performance against the Flames. It was a do or die game for the Storm and they fought hard.

Each player can be commended as they all stepped up to the challenge and were relentless in their efforts, but lost 1-0 to the Ayr Flames.

It was an exciting and scoreless first period. It was early in the second period when the Flames got a break and capitalized on it with a goal. The Storm team created many scoring opportunities during the rest of the second period but it was the Flames' solid goaltending that kept the Storm out. The clock seemed to speed up in third period as it didn't matter what the Storm team did, or how hard they tried, the puck refused to go in. The Storm pulled their goalie with just over a minute left and picked up the pace, the seconds ticked by and the game ended. Although they lost, this Peewee AE team can be applauded for a game well played and celebrate the great effort and an excellent end to the season.

A big thank you to the bench staff, Bob Schmidt (coach), Jon Petrie (asst. coach), Jason Stoughton (trainer) and Tom Prentice (trainer) for all of their hard work and dedication that took the players and developed them into a true team. Thanks a bunch to the Manager, Dana Manning.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



Angelica Blenich Staff

Highland Storm Peewee AE players hold up their trophy on March 30 at the Dysart arena during the All Ontario Championship finals. The Storm played the Ayr Flames in the tournament, losing by a final score of 1-0. The Haliburton team took home the silver medal and a trophy.

Tyke Storm ends season strong

Saturday, March 24 Highland Storm Tyke team faced off against Bracebridge Bears.

Gage Hutchinson scored with Matt Vargas assisting the goal to put us on the board.

Nick Phippen scored the second goal assisted by Chloe Billings. With an answered goal by Bracebridge Bears the team had to maintain their lead.

Period 3 saw a goal by Gage Hutchinson assisted by Nick Phippen and Hunter Winder.

Bracebridge would answer with two more goals to end

the game in a 3-3 tie.

Sunday, March 25 the Tyke team faced off against Sunderland in their last game of the year.

Battling back and forth Damon Harriss scored assisted by Gage Hutchinson.

Maintaining the lead Dylan Keefer ended the game with a shut out.

Thanks for the great season to all the players: Dylan Keefer, Damon Harriss, Ava Smith, Matt Vargas, Kyan Hall, Nick Phippen, Chloe Billings, Emily Alexander, Hunter

Winder, Ty Mills, Ryan Rupnow and Gage Hutchinson.

A bigger thanks to the coaching staff for all they taught us this year.

Josh Shaw, Ron Hall and Mike Billings. See you all next year when we represent the Storm on a new level.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Bantam AEs win MPS C division trophy

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantam AE Storm capped off their season with the MPS league title. The Storm had defeated Huntsville two games to none and faced off against Parry Sound in the season finale.

Playing their fourth game in five days the Bantam boys came out a bit sluggish in the opening period but some fine goaltending by Cole Finlay held the Shamrocks at bay until the Storm could get their skating legs under them. With the hometown crowd urging them on, Hunter Bishop opened the scoring after a nice setup from Jaydon Wood while Angus Sullivan drew the second assist. Wood struck next at 5:08 of the second with Kyle Lavergne assisting and they went into the intermission up two goals to none.

Parry Sound scored first at 13:28 of the final period to

close the gap to one. The two-goal lead was quickly restored however as Ryan Edwards gathered in a loose puck at his own blue line, headed up the ice, and using the Shamrock defender for a screen he fired a wrist shot into the top right hand corner. With 1:33 left Parry Sound scored to make it a one-goal game. It was left to Damen Winder to put the game to rest as he scored into the empty net with assists from Hunter Bishop and Brenden McKee.

The team would like to thank the coaches, trainers, manager, and all the parents who helped out at the gate. We would also like to thank our sponsors, Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security. Additional thanks to local businesses who contributed to offset travel costs to the OMHA finals, Andrew Hodgson (Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd.) Denise LeBlanc (Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd.) and David Shapiera (David Shapiera Law Office). Last but not least the players would like to thank the community for showing up to cheer them on.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



Bantam AEs take home the trophy.

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Fantastic finish to Novice A season

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Novice A finished their season strong with a four game sweep of the round robin playoff for the Muskoka-Parry Sound League cup.

It was a great way to finish their season of near misses, where second places in tournaments, and narrow one goal losses in OMHA playdowns always left you asking "what if?"

The Storm opened the round robin with a 4-3 win in Bracebridge, followed by 2-1 and 7-5 victories vs. Huntsville.

It came down to a match vs. Bracebridge in Haliburton on Tuesday night. Win and we get the cup in a four game sweep, lose and it's back to Bracebridge for another battle with our close rivals.

Fortunately, every member of the Storm novice team were on a mission and played at the top of their game.

Led by captain Alex Little's opening goal and two assists, and linemate Jake Sisson's two goals including the game winner, the Storm fought out a very close 3-2 victory to win the cup. Goalie Tyler Wilson had a strong game with many key saves, and the defense stood tall lead by the strong pairing of Cole Prentice and Tim Turner and the great penalty killing by Aaron Bellefleur and Brendan Newhook.

Key to the game was the strong Physical play and speed of Joe Boice and Tyson Clements, and the forechecking of Brendan Coumbs and Jaylin Frost.

It was a fantastic finish to the season and we are proud of our Storm Novice A team!

Submitted by Greg Turner



Submitted by Heidi Wilson

The Highland Storm Novice A team was victorious in the Muskoka-Parry Sound league cup, winning in four games.

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In just a few days it's going to be Easter which always makes me reflect on my younger days of getting dressed in pretty dresses, hats with flowers, nice shiny shoes, fasting during Lent and after mass being treated to hot chocolate in the basement of the church. In our family, we never had the Easter egg hunt and were never given a chocolate bunny and that's OK because ignorance is bliss. Who needed chocolates when we had a great Easter feast?

As much as I thought I knew all I needed to know about Easter I read recently that the origin of the first Easter bunny was in Germany and made of pastry and sugar. Since it is believed that the hare and rabbit were known as the most fertile of animals they served as symbols of new life during the spring season.

There will be many religious services all over celebrating Easter but in our immediate area the Zion United Church would like to invite you to visit during this holiday. On Good Friday the Zion and the Haliburton choirs join to present the cantata - *The Rose of Calvary* at 9 a.m. at the Zion United Church on East Road in Carnarvon and at 11 a.m. in Haliburton.

On Easter Sunday you are invited to attend the sunrise service at the Twelve Mile Lake Church beach at 7 a.m., which is then followed by a light breakfast and then the regular service at 9 a.m. at the Zion United Church.

Then you can hunt for Easter eggs!

Another invitation. This time from Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow, RDH, who owns and runs her unique Dental Hygiene Studio located on 1103 Red Umbrella Rd. April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month so on Friday, April 20 from the hours of 9 to 3 p.m. Carolyn is offering a free oral cancer screening. This is by appointment only so you don't want to miss this opportunity. She has graciously offered to give me the easy, painless examination so that I know first hand and can comment on it later in my column.

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So call Chris at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant 705-489-4216 or email me for your tickets today! They are only \$20 each and this includes a light buffet and a night you won't forget!

Happy Easter!

Dorset book club to examine renewal and renaissance



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, April 4 at the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and all are welcome to attend. The theme for April

is renewal or renaissance fiction or non-fiction. For more information, give Ruth or Sandy a call at the branch at 705-766-9969.

The Dorset branch hours are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Easter hours for the Dorset Recreation Centre are; closed Good Friday, April 6, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, closed Sunday and Monday, April 8 and 9. All the staff at the Dorset Recreation Centre send a wish to you

for blessings and a safe and happy holiday.

The Snowball Wrap Up Party for all Snowball volunteers and sponsors is taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m. If you are planning on attending, please call the Recreation Centre by April 9 to reserve your spot (and so organizers know how much chili to make). This is a fun and relaxed evening with an opportunity to chat about how 2012 went and ideas for 2013. All

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

April 4: The Ontario Senior Games 55+ is having an Open House at the Haliburton Curling Club from 4 pm to 7 pm. There are 24 events from Walking to Euchre and Bridge. Applications can be picked up at various locations in the County or go online to www.ontarioseniorgames.ca or www.canoeftm.com

April 7: The Norland United Church will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 7th starting at 8am. \$7.00-adults, \$3.00 children under 12 years, and preschool are free

April 14: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church Maplefest All you can eat Pancake Sausage/Brunch & Bake Sale. Best deal in town with real Haliburton Maple Syrup. Adults \$6, Children \$3 Preschoolers Free. Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd, County Rd. 1

APRIL 15: JAMBOREE S.G. NESBITT ARENA, from 1-5 pm Join The Country Hot Flashes & Cold Shoulders SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT at OPEN MIC ..enjoy old fashioned Square dancing Admission- \$7.00

April 17: HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am -12, OEYC 83 Maple Ave. MINDEN April 18, 10 am- 12 OEYC 144 Bobcaygeon Rd. Parents with children - 6 yrs can meet with a Public Health Nurse. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. **100% of funds raised stay in our community!**

• **WANTED:** Volunteers / Members for a grass-root organization in Halibuton area focused on Property Rights and Personal Freedoms. Call Brad: 705-448-9936

• **Welcome to TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** Monday Mornings located at Community Care weigh in begins at 9:30a.m. Short meeting after call Don or Mary Jane at 705-447-2420

• **Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation** (in the drop-in centre) Wii games - Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - noon Contract Bridge - Monday 1-4 p.m. Cribbage - Fridays 1 - 4 p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext. 226

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **The Haliburton Highland's Rug Hookers** meet every other Monday at the Minden Legion from 10-2. Learn traditional rug hooking or bring an ongoing project. Call Linda 705-447-1169 or Peggy 705-286-3387

• **Help to Preserve our History** with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

• **Minden Food Bank** is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca Thanks in advance for your assistance.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• **SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together** is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 - 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Join the annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art

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volunteers and sponsors are welcome. Call 705-766-9968 to reserve or for more information.

There is still time to sign up for the wilderness and remote first aid course taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. For more information, contact the Algonquin Highlands Trails Department at trails@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9033.

The ninth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art is taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday,

April 20. Started back in 2004 by Dorset poet Tiina Heathcock and now presented by the Dorset Recreation Committee, this is a wonderful evening celebrating local talent. Artists, writers, poets and musicians from the Haliburton and Muskoka area will be showcased.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with time to schmooze until 7 p.m. when the readings and music begin. Robinson's General Store will be providing refreshments during the intermission and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over.

If you are an artist and would like to participate, or would like to reserve tickets, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 1 to 7 go out to Cole Greenaway, Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Kim Spielbergs, Rick Morris, Evan Coombs, Karla MacKay and Laura Flynn. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Calling all kids to Kinmount's annual Easter egg hunt



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Eons ago in the mid '50s applicants to the University of Toronto needed to have credit in either two maths or Latin. Having been temporarily expelled from the Grade 12 Latin class by Miss McIntyre for disruptive behavior, my only hope lay in geometry and trig at the more senior level with fortunate results. This weekend brought a welcome visit from son Graeme and grandson Ben, now eight years old. After once again beating me miserably at the Memory Match Game we chatted about school and favourite subjects in Grade 2. Did I know, quizzed Ben, how many edges and vertices there were in a triangle prism or recognize his diagram of a square-based pyramid? Like on the TV show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* I opted to phone a friend but drew a blank there. Imagine my further embarrassment when the old farmhouse failed to produce plasticine and straws so that Ben could make 3D models for my enlightenment. This kid is neat.

In last week's column I wrote about tracing family histories. If you are planning to do this a great local resource is

the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at the Minden Legion with doors open at 6 p.m. The speaker at 7 p.m. will be Georgina Kernohan with a presentation on the Land Registry Office. She will answer questions about what is available there, what the terminology means and changes that are being made to the Minden office and beyond. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Other features include the Bring and Win Raffle and refreshments are available. For more information contact Gail-Leach Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Mark your calendars now for the annual dinner auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development coming up on Saturday, April 28 at the Galway Hall. This popular event features a full course dinner plus a country, silent and live auction with many fabulous items to bid on. Tickets are \$25/person and sell out quickly so avoid being disappointed by calling Diane early at 705-488-2635. Donations of auction items would also be welcome and can be made through that number.

The April schedule of Services at Kinmount United Church is as follows: Easter Sunday April 8 with Rev. Desmond Howard, April 15 with guest Phyllis Tamlin, April 22 with guest Andy Harris and April 29 with Rev. Dr. Carol Kilby. All services begin at 9:45 a.m. with light refreshments to follow and everyone is warmly invited to attend. For schedules at our other churches St. James Anglican, St.

Patrick's Catholic and Kinmount Baptist give the church offices a call. Calling all kids to Kinmount's annual Easter egg hunt this Saturday, April 7 in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park beginning at 1 p.m. Just a reminder from the Bunny to bring along your own basket. Why not begin that same morning with a hearty plate of pancakes at Norland United Church Hall, 7521 Hwy. 35, with a 8 a.m. start. The charge for adults is \$7, for children under 12 years \$3 and preschoolers free of charge.

The Casino Rama bus trip sponsored by the Kinmount Seniors will leave the Legion parking lot on Thursday, April 12 at 9 a.m. and return there at 4 p.m. Free lunch is included in the modest cost. To reserve a spot call Theresa at 705-488-1110.

Yard sale season is fast approaching but to get an early start head out on Saturday, April 14 for the yard sale sponsored by the Coboconk New Horizons Club in the Lions Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rental charge is \$10 and if interested give Jennie Maud a call at 705-887-6892.

Welcome the new season at the Spring into Fashion brunch, jewelry and fashion show on Sunday, April 15 at the Burnt River Centre with doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Handley Lumber or Watson's Village Shop in Fenelon and from the Burnt River Firefighters.

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To our Denis who is celebrating his 30th Birthday in Heaven and to our Nana who shares the same Birthday and is with him today.

To celebrate ones birthday is to celebrate the day they were born.

The day that they came into this world, was a gift from God. To love and cherish and nurture until God calls them back home.

Although it hurts terribly that you both are not here with us, we can't help but smile when we look up and imagine the wonderful celebration going on in the Heavens today.

This day will always mean so much to us, so many wonderful memories.

We love and miss you so very much.

Happy Birthday.

Mom, Dad and Daryl

Dear Mom and Denis
They say a picture is worth a thousand words and for sure, this picture says it all.
It's a beautiful reminder of all the joy, laughter and love we experienced when we celebrated your Birthdays together.
When I look at it, it warms my heart and fills my soul with gratitude for every moment we shared on your special day, and everyday.
Thank you for all the happiness you brought to my life.
All my love on your special day, and always.
From your daughter
Bev and your Grandma Gilmour

Thank You Cards

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EFFIE MAY GROZELLE

The family of Effie Grozelle sincerely thanks family, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy on the passing of a beloved Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma and Great Great Grandma. Your floral tributes, donations, cards, online condolences and presence at her visitation and Celebration of Life Service were greatly appreciated.

Special thank you to the staff at Elford House Victoria Manor in Lindsay and Respite Unit at 70 Murray St., Fenelon Falls for their patience, personal care and comfort also Dr. Summers and nursing staff of The Ross and Dr. Dickson of Victoria Manor for their care of our dear Mom.

We thank Rev. Ed Call for his comforting words and the Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion in Kinmount for the lovely lunch.

Thank you to Kirsten and Barry at Gordon A. Monk Minden for their compassionate services.

A very special thank you to Mom's room mates and dear friends, Lillian Hayden and Lily Milroy, who helped to brighten every day.

Donald, Bruce, Randy, Keith, Linda, Mabel, Roger and their families.

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BUNN, Marnie - Passed away suddenly and peacefully at the Frost Manor, Lindsay on Saturday, March 31, 2012. In her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late George, dear mother of Wally and Joan. Loving grandma to Geoff and Mandy, Craig and Trish, Stacey and Jason Parish, Amber and Brad Pasula and great grandma to Peyton, Lexie, Brooklyn, Sydney, Addyson, Maya, Brayden and Hailey. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. In accordance with Marnie's wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.
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COCHRANE, Brenda - Passed away peacefully at her home on March 31, 2012. Much loved daughter of Art and Judy Reddy of Minden, loving mother of Jason Cochrane of Minden. Dear sister of Arthur Jr. of Peterborough and Jerry of Toronto. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Cremation has taken place. Private family arrangements. Memorial Donations to the Sick Kids Hospital would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.
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MILBURN, Elva Jean (nee Hicks) - Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the age of 72. Beloved wife of Jack Milburn. Loving mother of Eric and Suzanne, Scott and Dawn, loving grandma of Taylor, Megan, Leandra (Bob) and great grandmother of McKayla, Adrianna, and Garrett. Elva is predeceased by her brother Gerald, by her sister Muriel, dear sister-in-law of Betty Hicks and Bert Milburn. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, Ingoldsby. Reception to follow at the Ingoldsby United Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Ingoldsby United Church or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.
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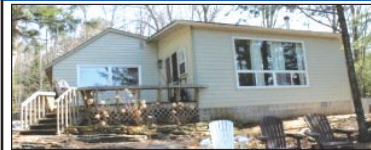


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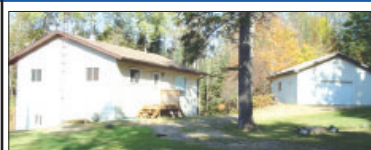


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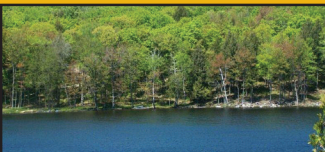
Minden Brand New House \$279,900

• 3 BR, 2 bath, choose kitchen finishings
• imported tiles, low E argon windows
• vinyl siding, 25 yr fiberglass shingles
• 2 car garage, underground hydro, incl HST
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Boshkung Lake \$369,000

• Classic Cottage with large stone fireplace
• 3 bedrooms, 4 piece bath
• 148 feet of waterfront
• big lake boating on 3 lake chain
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Waterfront Lots 119,000

Large lots on quiet lake
South facing, good swimming & fishing
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Close to amenities
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Excellent Value! \$164,900

Corner lot with Town water
4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms. Open concept design. Close to all Minden has to offer
Great value family home
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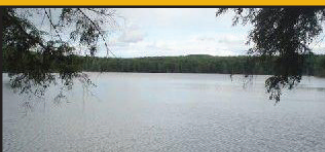
Hunter Creek Beauty \$97,500

3 BR, large kitchen 1.5 baths
Terrific deck; lg garage & shop
New furnace; newer roof & FP
Great community close to Minden.
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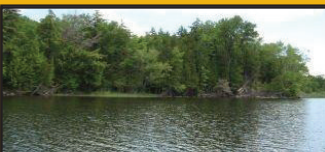
Spacious Shadow Lake Home \$450,000

* 3000sq ft. 4 BRs, 2 baths, fully furnished
* Sand beach, lakeside deck, south exp
* Fantastic 4 season porch, yr rd enjoyment
Less than 2 hours from GTA, excellent value
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West Lake

• 5 prime building lots to choose from
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Horseshoe Lake - 2 Lake Chain \$449,000

• 468 Ft shore/2.36 acres, fantastic privacy;
• abuts popular Blairhampton Golf course on one side;
• beautiful sandy shore/southwest exposure;
• close to Minden village & Wild Water Preserve.
Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



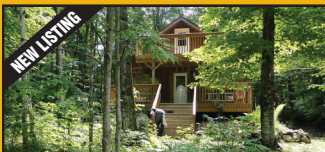
Big Bob Lake \$329,000

• Private 150'; 1.08 acre natural lot
• Cedar exterior; open concept
• 3 BRs & 1 bath plus fireplace
• Sand and rock clean shoreline
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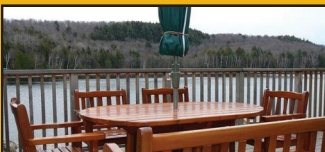
Long Lake \$549,900

• Breathtaking private point, 485' shoreline
• 4-season, 3BR cottage/home
• Sand beach, granite shelf, west exposure
• Talk to listing Realtor for more information
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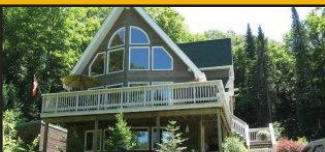
Deeded Access to Wenona Lake \$164,500

• 3 bedroom chalet style cottage
• Semi-furnished & ready to enjoy
• Large living rm and 2 walkout front decks
• Relax by the woodstove at the days end
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Best value on Redstone Lake \$509,000

• 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, direct waterfront
• Open concept, 2 level decking, turnkey
• walkout family room, gradual sand beach
• good privacy, quiet bay, year round access
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Sir Sam's Home \$329,000

• 230 s.f. custom home on 2.76 acres
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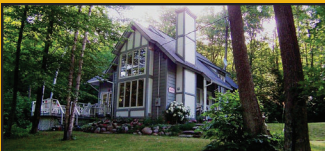
5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$365,000

• 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
• Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
• Super location, minutes to town
• Old log cottage with lots of charm
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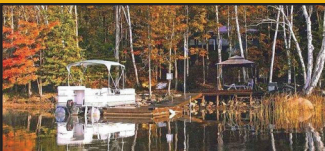
Shadow Lake Executive \$825,000

Custom designed, 4+ bedrooms, furnished
Granite fireplace, west exposure, sand beach
3 bay garage, rec hall w/loft, 2 BR boat house
Great year round access, ideal family property
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Newly renovated 2+2 bdrm, 2 bath.
Fantastic waterfront, west exp.
Yr. round twpsd road, private.
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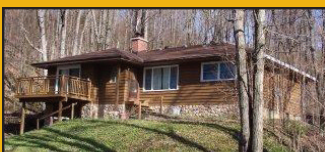
Hunter Creek Estates \$112,000

Comfortable 2 Bedroom home
Bright & spacious with Sunroom
Paved drive with garage & workshop
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Lower floor 1 bdrm fully equipped
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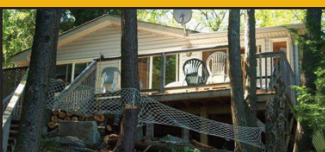
Haliburton Lake - \$293,000

- home/cottage, fresh updated open concept
- brick F.P., lg. bdrms, rec. & play rms.
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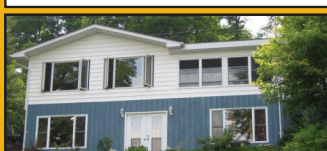
Bob Lake \$310,000

3 bedroom cottage
open concept design
many recent renovations
Lovely private setting
David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900

Waterfront Cottage - Southern Exposure
3 Bedrooms & Bunkie - Many upgrades
New Kitchen & New Roof in 2009
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5 Lake Chain! \$479,000

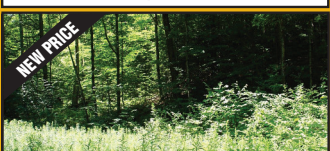
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